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REMARKS

I. Status Of The Claims And Support For The Amendment

Claim 21 has been amended. Claims 21-24, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 36 and 69 are pending.

Support for the amendment of claim 21 is found in the specification, for example, at page 10, lines 10-22; and page 27, lines 8-24. No new matter has been added by this amendment

II. Information Disclosure Statement Filed July 24, 2001

The undersigned recently assumed responsibility for this application. Upon reviewing the application file, it appears that Applicants have not received an Examiner-initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 filed with the information disclosure statement filed July 24, 2001.

Filed herewith are (a) a copy of the Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/21) filed July 24, 2001, (b) a copy of the information disclosure statement filed July 24, 2001, (c) a copy of the Form PTO-1449 (1 page) filed July 24, 2001, and (d) a copy of the return receipt postcard date-stamped July 26, 2001 by the OIPE. The documents listed on the Form PTO-1449 were provided to the Office when the information disclosure statement was filed. Applicants request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and provide Applicants with an Examiner-initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449.

III. Information Disclosure Statement Filed Herewith

An information disclosure statement is being filed herewith. Applicants request that the Examiner consider the listed document and provide Applicants with an Examiner-initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449.

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IV. The Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Should Be Withdrawn

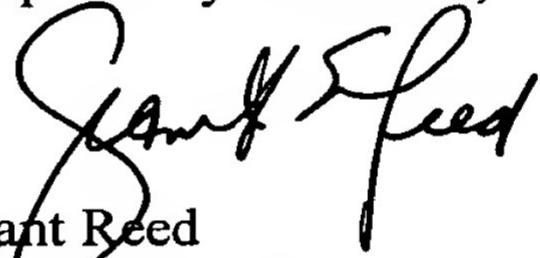
Claims 21-24, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35-36 and 69 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly obvious over EP 0 974 357 in view of WO 98/14573 and Dieu-Nosjean *et al.*.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's proposed claim amendment at page 6 of the Office Action. Claim 21 has been amended. Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

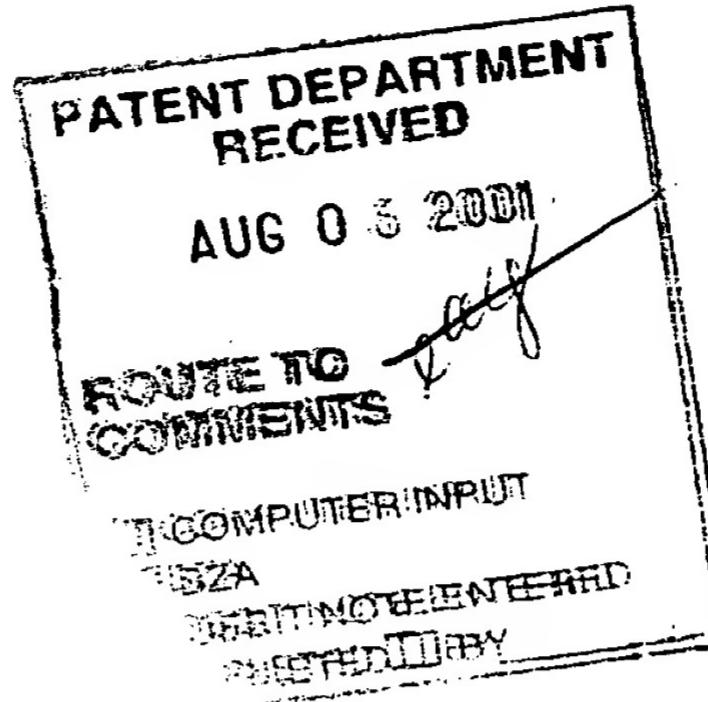
It is believed that each of the objections and rejections in the Office Action have been addressed. If the undersigned can be of further assistance, please contact the undersigned at the number set forth below.

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